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Chinese Have Not Made Reply to the Joint Note of Powers.

Spanish Minister Fears Its Discussion Will Drag Over a Year.

German and French Troops Sent to Investigate Reports of Burning.

Pekin, Dec. 26.—Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian minister, who, as cabled to the Associated Press, has reported the burning of nineteen Catholic Christians, now says the number burned is 21, and adds that thousands of armed Chinese have been seen in the San Ho country. Mr. Conger has sent a copy of the communication to Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, and Japanese and German troops have been sent to investigate the reports.

The troops of the various nations celebrated Christmas in their own fashion, each force being interested in the doings of the others. The Germans today were reviewed on the occasion of the presentation of flags to two regiments.

No answer has been received to the joint note of the powers.

London, Dec. 26.—Mr. Conger takes a hopeful view of the situation, says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring Monday, "and thinks that a settlement will be effected, but he declares that no one of the envoys will recognize the Empress Dowager officially, although all are aware that she has long exercised the supreme power. He believes that the crisis will result in the initiation of the reforms in China. Senor Decologan, the Spanish minister, fears that the discussion of the joint note after general acceptance, will extend for a year or more." It is rumored that numerous villages of Pekin are combining to exterminate native Christians, several of whom have been burned in a local temple. Li Hung Chang is a trifle better.

It is asserted in Shanghai, according to a despatch to the Times, that Sheng is going to Pekin, having been appointed to assist in the negotiations.

CZAR QUITE WELL.

Minister of the Interior Says He Is Restored to Health.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Russian minister of the interior, M. Sipiaguine, who arrived today from Livadia, where Emperor Nicholas is convalescing, asserts that the Czar is now completely restored.

LIBERIA ELECTION.

President Resigns Because of Disapproval of Legislature.

Sierra Leone, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 26.—The president of Liberia, Mr. Coleman, resigned on December 11, owing to the disapproval of the legislature of his interior policy. Mr. G. W. Gibson, the secretary of state, was elected president by the legislature.

POLAR EXPLORERS.

Arctic and Antarctic Bid Against Each Other.

London, Dec. 26.—Mr. Evelyn Baldwin, the Arctic explorer who is arranging for the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition, has purchased the Esquimaux, the largest and staunchest of the whaling fleet, fitted her with modern appliances, and named her the America. The rival bidder was the British Antarctic expedition, whose organizers desired to secure the Esquimaux as a substitute ship.

WINNIPEG TO-DAY.

Western Men of the Returned Contingent Expected.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—(Special).—The Western troops will reach here at 10:15 to-morrow, and will receive a warm welcome. A public holiday has been proclaimed by the mayor.

The residence of Mrs. Douglas Main, wife of Constable Main of the Mounted Police, was burned at Regina to-day. The husband is at present in the Yukon.

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BANQUE VILLE MARIE.

Liquidators Have Redeemed a Large Number of the Bills.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The liquidators of the defunct Banque Ville Marie have already redeemed \$350,000 of the bank's bills, though according to the government statement only \$260,000 was supposed to be in circulation.

MILLIONAIRE CATTLEMAN.

A. H. Pierce of Texas Leaves His Riches Behind Him.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 26.—A. H. Pierce, the richest cattleman in Texas, died to-day at Pierce Station. He was many times a millionaire, with widespread interests in Texas.

COLONIAL VOLUNTEERS.

Newfoundland Will Enrol a Force in the New Year.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 26.—The governor, Sir Henry Edward McCallum, is arranging for the formation of a colonial volunteer force, to consist of eight companies of rifles, totalling 300 men. It is proposed to establish the force after the beginning of the new year. The government, it is understood, is ready to provide the necessary funds. This force will be exclusive of the naval reserves, the members of which are already being enrolled from among the fishermen around the coast. The volunteers will be recruited from the large towns. The movement is very popular.

Vancouver's Many Robberies

Christmas Night Burglars Reaped a Harvest in the Terminal City.

Many Complaints of Stores and Residences Being Broken Into.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The burglars were busy on Christmas night. The most serious robberies were Wood's book and stationery store and Page Ponsford's furnishing store. The burglars first entered Wood's store. A memorandum of the missing goods has not yet been made, but the loss is thought to have been serious, many important papers having been stolen. Among the stolen articles was a pair of strong scissors, with which they pried open the window leading into Chapman's furnishing store. Once in this store they helped themselves to goods worth \$500 in value.

Besides the above robberies, four houses were entered last night, but the booty secured was insignificant.

The residence of W. J. Bowser, who is spending the winter with Mrs. Bowser in California, was one of the most recent residences visited by burglars, who took their time and turned over every drawer and closet in the house. It is not yet known what articles the thieves took away. Entrance was secured through the pantry window, and on the shelf next to the pantry window was the mark of a man's muddy boot.

The police persist in clinging to the theory that the burglary was the work of boys. In this connection the government official who reported some time ago to the police that he saw a footpad in the act of holding up a citizen on the corner of Robson and Thurlow streets, stated this morning that he saw this man on the night of the attempted hold-up very plainly, as he was close to the electric light. On Christmas eve he saw the same man as large as life, sauntering up Granville street with his soft fedora pulled down over his eyes. The informant of the Colonist correspondent walked hastily alone with the footpad, and slipped into a store with the idea of telephoning the police, but on looking around, the footpad, who had been behind him a moment before, had disappeared.

The city is infested at the present time with crooks that have been moved on from Seattle and Spokane, and they are making a house to house canvass for money and meals in the west end. In this way they learn the lay of the ground, the houses that are not occupied and occasionally manage to strike a lonely pedestrian whom they hold up.

Levis & Sons' store, Mount Pleasant, has been broken into and \$250 taken from the till.

RE-EQUIPPING ROAD.

Philadelphia & Reading Getting New Cars and Engines Built.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—In pursuance of its plan to reequip its road, the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company has let contracts which in the aggregate amount to over \$22,500,000. Two thousand and thirty new cars have been ordered, a large proportion of them of the pressed steel class. The cars are to be built, 34 of them being for freight traffic and 10 for the passenger service.

A PIOUS FRAUD.

Pretended He Had Been Seized by Esquimaux in the Rockies.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The appeal court has confirmed the sentence of four years' imprisonment imposed on a swindler named Goffray, who posed in clerical circles here in April last as the "Cardinal Bishop of Washington," soliciting funds to convert the young Indians of New Mexico. Several times Goffray succeeded in celebrating mass, and once nearly arrested by the police while celebrating mass at Strasbourg. Finally he appeared at Montmartre, in the department of Drome, where he lectured to the trappist monks on his terrible adventures in the Rockies, where he said he had been seized by the Indians while preaching the Gospel to them. The fraud was discovered by Goffray pretending that the Indians of the Rocky Mountains were Esquimaux.

THE FATHER OF LACROSSE

Dr. George Beers of Montreal Has Passed from the Scene.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Dr. W. G. Beers, one of the best known dentists in Canada, is dead, aged 57.

Dr. Beers was the father of the modern game of lacrosse and a well-known writer on sporting topics. He took the two first Canadian lacrosse teams to England.

Dr. Beers was a man of many parts. He founded the first dental journal in Canada, and while practising his profession found time to do a great deal of writing on various topics, especially field sports. He wrote the first book on lacrosse, and made the first attempt to reduce the game to a set of rules. As an eloquent speaker he was noted, and a patriotic Canadian speech made by him before the Dental Convention in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1888, showing the United States the real progress Canada was making, did so much to dispel the false hope of annexation in the United States that it was printed in pamphlet form and was hailed with delight by Canadians. He assisted in the founding of the famous Victoria Rifles of Montreal, organizing No. 6 Co. out of the Beaver Lacrosse Club. He was a native Canadian, born in Montreal in 1843, and was at the top of his profession, being dean of the Quebec Provincial Dental College, and professor of dental pathology at McGill University.

DENIES RUMOR.

Mr. Shaughnessy Says There Is No Combination of C. P. R. and Other Roads.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Mr. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., says there is absolutely no truth in the story from Kingston that the C. P. R. is negotiating for the purchase of the Kingston & Pembroke railway. Referring to the story from New York that a combination of extensive railway interests in the Western States is on the tapis, which will result in the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Erie, and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railways being merged in harmony as a transcontinental line between Vancouver and New York, Mr. Shaughnessy said: "While there is the very best of feeling between all the roads mentioned and the Canadian Pacific, there is no combination of any kind. The roads mentioned may work more harmoniously in the future than in the past, as it is their intention to do so, but there is no truth in the story of a combination for a new transcontinental railway."

Kitchener's Hard Task

Difficult Work Before Him in Crushing Boer Guerilla Warfare.

Proclamation Issued Inviting the Burglars to Surrender Voluntarily.

Colonel Otter Points With Pride to the Record of His Regiment.

London, Dec. 27.—The paucity and obscurity of the despatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December, and Lord Kitchener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driving back the invaders.

The War Office had received no news last evening of the reported capture of Yeomanry near Britstown.

A Burgherdespatch has a mysterious reference to "An unfortunate mistaking of the enemy for Brabant's Horse," which resulted in the sounding of "false firing," and enabled the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament.

General Clements' success against the Boers at Magaliesberg region is also doubtful, the last despatch reporting it was considered advisable not to force the Boers from their positions.

The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in patrolling and policing such immense tracts of country, even when the Boers shall have been finally subdued.

The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to "face the facts and send Lord Kitchener more troops," says, "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censured messages."

Lord Kitchener, according to a despatch from Johannesburg, has issued a proclamation dated Pretoria, December 20, announcing that burglars who voluntarily surrender will be allowed to live with their families in the government laagers until such time as guerilla warfare has sufficiently abated to admit of their returning in safety to their homes. The proclamation also promises that all property and stock brought in at the time of surrender will be respected and paid for if requisitioned by the military authorities.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Word has been received in this city that Wilfrid Douglass, nephew of John Douglass, Editor of the Witness, has been seriously wounded in South Africa, having had his eyesight destroyed and nose injured. He went to Africa with the second contingent.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Colonel Otter, interviewed today regarding charges made against him of too strict discipline while in Africa, said: "I have nothing to excuse, nothing to defend. I did what I thought to be my duty without fear and without hesitation, and the regiment came through in a very high state of efficiency and with a splendid record."

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 27.—The sixth contingent of New Zealanders, 200 strong, half being Maoris, will sail for South Africa in three weeks.

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After Dewet
In Ladybrand

British Are Pressing the Boer
Leader Says Telegram
from Maseru.

Another Squadron of Yeomanry
Reported Captured by
the Boers.

Maseru, Dec. 25.—The British are pressing Commandant Dewet in the Ladybrand district.

Capetown, Dec. 26.—A squadron of Yeomanry, which has been following the Boers from Britstown, is reported to have been entrapped. There were several casualties, it is said, and the remainder of the force was captured.

General Kitchener has left Naupoort and gone northwards. The rapid concentration of troops in the disturbed districts, through the personal energy of General Kitchener, has allayed the loyal uneasiness.

Funchal, Island of Madeira, Dec. 26.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts on board, arrived here last evening, receiving in salute of nineteen guns on entering the port. This morning Lord Roberts was tendered an official reception by the authorities, and at noon he proceeded to Gibraltar.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Lieut. Colonel Lessard, commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons, mentions the names of Lieut. H. B. W. Turner, Lieut. H. Z. G. Cockburn, Acting-Sergeant, Holland, Lieut. Morrison, Pte. N. J. Builders and Pte. Kingsley for conspicuous gallantry at engagements near Belfast on November 6th and 7th. Colonel Lessard says the Canadian guns were nearly captured, the only one that was not being only about 50 yards from them, but the gallantry of the above mentioned troopers saved them.

The B. C. men spent a pleasant day in the city yesterday and left for home in the afternoon.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The receptions to the returning volunteers are reported from many points in Ontario today. In London the entire city turned out to greet Colonel Buchanan and men.

The Toronto members of the Royal Canadians who returned with Colonel Otter, reached home in ample time for the Christmas dinner and festivities, as did in fact those from all save the most distant parts of Ontario. The reception given them in Toronto was hearty, but largely informal, no attempt being made to devote the day to it as in the case of the men who returned from the war, however, many thousands at and about Union station between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Colonel Otter received a warm welcome. Large crowds had gathered in armories awaiting the arrival of the soldiers, where they were to receive a formal welcome and dismissal. The short route march was thickly lined with spectators and the crowds at the armories were in a joyous mood and cheered enthusiastically when Otter and his men entered. The mayor read a civic address of congratulation to Otter. Colonel Buchanan was not present, having gone on to London.

Glove Contest To-Night Philharmonic
Hall.

If once you try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness, indigestion, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

FRENCH FIGHT CHINESE.

Severe Loss Inflicted on a Roving Band of Regulars and Boxers.

Pekin, Dec. 25.—The French report encircling twenty-five thousand Chinese and capturing five flags and a number of guns and inflicting a great loss, thirty-five miles south of here. The report is generally discredited.

According to the rumor the French did not suffer any losses themselves. It is believed, however, that the French probably met a roving band, which was dispersed, a number of the Chinese being butchered.

Hung Chang says that he is satisfied the story is false.

Rev. Mr. Kelly, a Presbyterian missionary, has reported to Minister Conger the burning by Boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians. He says, however, that this information has been derived entirely from Chinese sources. The Japanese, who have jurisdiction over that territory, will investigate the report.

The preliminary joint note was delivered to the Chinese today.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A despatch to the Havas agency from Peking, dated December 25th, says the detachment of French troops, commanded by General Bailloud, was recently attacked by Chinese regulars and Boxers south of Pao Ting Fu. The punitive expedition took the village after a lively combat. Many cannon and a quantity of provisions and ammunition were secured.

On account of the hostile attitude of the population General Bailloud burned the village and other villages in the neighborhood. The Chinese loss was 1,900 men. General Bailloud's force sustained no loss. Christian Chinese families have been maltreated by the Chinese regulars.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Field Marshal Count

von Waldersee says in a despatch from Peking, dated Monday, December 24th: "The French troops encountered on December 23rd, east of Chaoi, between Peking and Pao Ting Fu, a Chinese force numbering 2,500 men with artillery. The Chinese fled in the direction of Kuah Hsiang. They suffered losses and left behind them five standards and four cannon. The Chinese probably consisted of the united remnants of a body already dispersed."

When taken at the proper time a little Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey will prevent a cold.

KILLED ON CHRISTMAS.

Railway Train Strikes Two Men—Wife Dies of Shock.

Bryan, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Wayne Corwell, aged 45, and Charles Conan, aged 21, left here last night for Blakeslee, where they were to attend a Christmas dance. They were passing the Wabash railway track near that place they were struck by a passenger train, and both instantly killed. The shock caused the death of Mrs. Conan.

WRESTLING.

Roeder and Pons Matched For a Bout in February.

New York, Dec. 26.—Ernest Roeder, champion wrestler of America, and Paul Pons, the French champion, who have been matched to wrestle for the championship of the world, will meet in their contest on the night of Wednesday, February 6, at Madison Square Garden. This was agreed upon today. The men will receive 50 per cent. of the receipts, the winner to take 60 per cent. and the loser 40 per cent.

ELECTION PROTEST.

Proceedings Taken Against Mr. Maxwell in Vancouver—Civic Contest.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Mr. Maxwell's election is to be protested by the conservatives of Vancouver, on the ground that bribery and corruption were used to secure his return.

The Citizens' Association meet tomorrow night to nominate 10 aldermen. Robert Grant and Dr. Lefevre have consented to run in Ward 1, but few business men can be induced to run.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills. If they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

KIDNAPPED HER SON.

Mrs. Miller's Efforts to Secure Possession of Her Young Son.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—A sensational kidnapping, involving the family of ex-Senator W. H. Miller, occurred this afternoon and led to a hot chase a few minutes later across the state to overcome the Samuel D. Miller, son of W. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York with his stolen son. Miller and his wife have lived in New York for several years, and last summer he came west to go into his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday she came here to demand possession of her seven-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him and who was living with him at the grandfather's house. The husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily with the nurse she would not attempt to kidnap him. This afternoon the boy and the nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed, and while the governess was gone, ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave. When the governess returned, Mrs. Miller announced that they were going for a drive and they started in a closed carriage toward the depot. The German governess suspecting foul play, jumped out of the carriage, ran to a telephone to notify the police.

Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage driven to Brightwood, and when the two Millers arrived at the Union station there was no trace of the woman and boy. Two hours later they received information which led them to believe that the four accommodations train at Brightwood and then take the Knickerbocker train at Anderson or Muncie. At 6:20 o'clock the two Millers started on the Knickerbocker to overtake Mrs. Miller. Miller was Miss Helen Karcher of Potomac, Pa. Samuel Miller first met her nine years ago at Washington, when his father was president Harrison's attorney-general. They married a year later.

CHEMAMOUS NEWS.

Half a Dozen Ships Loading Lumber—School Closings.

Chemamou, Dec. 26.—Lumber continues to be the staple article of export from Chemamou. At present there are about half a dozen vessels being loaded here.

Early in the present month the Women's Auxiliary held a bazaar in aid of the Chemamou hospital, which proved a financial and social success, as \$475 was obtained for the piousworthy object. This amount speaks volumes for the liberality of the people of this settlement.

On Sunday, December 23, Rev. Mr. McEwen, superintendent of Baptist missions, preached acceptably to the Baptist congregation in the morning; and Rev. P. Evans preached in the evening to the Presbyterian people.

On Sunday, 30th instant, Rev. W. B.

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Allan is expected to conduct divine service in the Church of England.

The semi-annual review examination (oral and written) of the Chemamou school took place on the 21st instant. In addition to the work of the ordinary programme of studies, Miss Martha McBride recited "Lochnivar" and some of the juvenile gayer selections. The proceedings were brought to a close by the teacher, Mr. S. Moore, distributing Christmas cards.

The closing exercises in the Chemamou Landing public school, on the same date, were conducted by Mr. John W. King, B. A. The work was a test examination on the subjects of the prescribed limit table for the schools of British Columbia.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist congregation gave a supper and sale of fancy articles in the hall on the evening of the 21st. An acceptable programme was presented, and the ladies received a goodly number of shillings.

A contingent of Chemamou people visited the Capital on the 24th and 25th, and spent Christmas Day with friends and acquaintances.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

New York Club Wants Emperor William and Prince of Wales to See Races.

London, Dec. 26.—The New York Yacht Club, says the Daily Express, will invite Emperor William and the Prince of Wales to witness the cup races, and President McKinley will also send notes expressing the pleasure their visit would give.

Sir Thomas Lister, who has been interviewed on the subject by the Daily Express, said he thought it within the range of possibility that the Prince of Wales would accept such an invitation.

CUBAN CONSTITUTION.

Convention Leaders Hope to Complete Work Next Month.

Havana, Dec. 26.—The various sections into which the Cuban constitutional convention was divided some weeks ago for the purpose of preparing and submitting draft constitutions for the consideration of the convention as a whole, are gradually getting together on the basis of a unitary government with restricted suffrage.

The convention leaders now hope to have this work completed by January 15, so that the results may be submitted to the United States congress February 1. The sectional discussions have been bitter and heated, and therefore, the more the less debate in the open sessions. The hard fights have been made in the secret sessions in order to save public wrangling.

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MAYNE ISLAND SCHOOLS.

Children and Their Friends Celebrate the Advent of Holidays.

The semi-annual examination of the Mayne Island school took place on Friday the 21st inst., and a vacation entertainment of a pleasing nature was given by the children of the school to a crowded audience. As on former occasions of this kind, the school house proved totally inadequate for the accommodation of the visitors, and a large number of the children, and their friends, were seated in the hall, and on the platform, composed of bunting and flags interspersed with evergreens and heavily laden with presents for young and old, giving place to the customary Christmas tree, Santa Claus having traveled via the "Great Northern" from the Fraser, in the "Glenora" to reach the island to do honor to the occasion. After complimentary speeches were indulged in, which reflected with praise on the work of the teacher, the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

MEMBER FOR YALE-CARIBOO.

Mr. W. A. Gallier in the City to Spend a Few Days.

W. A. Gallier, M. P., and son, of Nelson, arrived over last evening from Vancouver and are staying at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Gallier, who is the member-elect for Yale-Cariboo, told a Colonist reporter last evening that he considered that the vote cast at the recent election in that constituency was considerably smaller than should have been, and claimed that the length of the contest, coming as the election did a good month after the general one, was such as to have a cooling effect upon political enthusiasm. This made campaigning all the more arduous, and added considerably to the already great natural difficulties in the district.

In Nelson, which he left but a few days ago, the municipal elections were exciting a good deal of warmth, but the questions at issue were personal rather than of great public moment.

Mr. Gallier will spend the remainder of the week here, and returns early next week to Vancouver, where his little son is attending school.

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Damaged by The Gales

Quite a Fleet of Vessels Disabled and Obligated to Return.

The Carl, Reporter and Laura Madsen Back—Mermaid Here for Repairs.

Daily more vessels are returning disabled as a result of the recent terrific storms off the coast, and the end is seemingly not yet. After bringing in the partially wrecked bark Highland Light, details of whose battle with the sea have been given, the tug Tatoshi left for the Cape again on Tuesday morning and picked up the Highland Light and the Yocote, was swept by the heavy storms which Captain McCreary said were the worst he had ever seen, although he had forty years experience in the North Atlantic. One great sea, he says, came on from the Highland Light and swept her from end to end. All the boats were smashed and the water tanks carried away, leaving the crew without fresh water. The mizzen mast, which was carried away, was a new one last voyage. She started leaking soon after this and the crew had a hard time. The only way the vessel could be brought into port was to run before the high seas.

The fleet which had to return to port, not only includes the Highland Light, Yocote and Reporter, but also the German bark Carl, which, after discharging her cargo here had loaded wheat at Tacoma and sailed a month ago for England, and the schooner Laura Madsen, both of which vessels were badly damaged by the storms. The Reporter and Laura Madsen were towed to Port Townsend on Tuesday afternoon, and the Carl to Port Angeles. The Reporter sailed from Gray's Harbor on December 5th for Hawaii with lumber. After her sixth day out she encountered the heavy storms and began to leak. Her deck load had to be jettisoned in order to keep her afloat, but by hard work the crew managed to get her up to Cape Flattery, from where signals were sent for assistance, and the tug Tatoshi was ordered to go and pick her up. She is now lying at Port Townsend in a very deplorable condition, making 23 inches an hour, and the crew have hard work to keep her afloat. O. L. Willoughby, Associated Press correspondent at Port Townsend, said that a very narrow escape from drowning was won through the tug Tatoshi owing to her boat capsizing. He was in the water fifteen minutes. The Carl which was towed back to Angeles, was compelled to put back on account of the severe buffeting she received during the storms. The Carl is badly damaged, and her crew were nearly exhausted in their endeavors to keep afloat. Heavy seas swept her from stem to stern, and tore her stanchions from the deck, and the water gained easy access through the holes left in her deck and sides. Fifty tons of grain had to be thrown overboard.

The schooner Laura Madsen was brought in by the tug Tatoshi. She was seen by the steamer Umatilla as the latter vessel entered on her way in to Victoria from San Francisco, flying signals of distress. The Umatilla said Capt. Cousins, on his arrival on Tuesday morning, went over by her stern and the mate showed a request to the Umatilla to go over to the Madsen, which was seen about two miles away, and ask her to tow the Madsen in as the master was seriously ill. The Umatilla went over to the tug and the latter steamer to the assistance of the schooner. The Madsen was bound from Blakely for Gray's Harbor.

At least one sailing vessel has met with disaster as a result of the storm for the collier Williams, which was reported on Monday, reports having sighted an upturned schooner about 50 or 75 miles off Cape Flattery. Capt. Hansen's report to the customs was as follows: "At 9 a. m., December 22, in latitude 44 degrees 20 north and longitude 124 degrees 40 west, I passed a small vessel bottom up. She had a white upside and red bottom. She was about 50 tons register. It is thought that the lost vessel was a fishing schooner."

A despatch from San Francisco under Tuesday's date, says: "The reports of storms on the northern coast are causing alarm among shipping men regarding a number of overdue vessels. The ship Berlin and barkentine schooner the Madsen, fourteen days out from Puget Sound."

A FAILING MEMORY

Is One Symptom of Low Vitality and Waning Nerve Power—A Sign That You Need Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

To the practical physician, skilled in the diagnosis of disease, there is much to be read from this symptom. A failing memory signifies that the nerve force is exhausted, and that the mind lacks energy to give attention. It points to low vitality, the exhausted condition of the nerves, to thin, watery blood, and to weakness and irregularities of the organs of the body.

The person with the failing memory has sleepless nights, is nervous and irritable, suffers from nervous headache and dyspepsia, and gloomy, despondent feelings. He is weak, exhausted and run down, and may be fast approaching nervous prostration, paralysis, epilepsy or insanity.

This wasting away of the nervous energy of the body must be stopped, and stopped quickly if robust health is to be restored. Whatever the cause of this weakened condition, the cure is the same—restoration by the building up process—restoration by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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The schooner Charles E. Falk is seventeen days out from Port Hadlock, the barkentine schooner is twenty-five days from Port Gamble, ship Isaac Reed twenty-two days from Seattle, schooner Jennie Steel twenty-one days from Gray's Harbor, schooner Lizzie and Yocote sixteen days from Gray's Harbor, schooner Mary Bidwell twenty-two days from Coquille river, schooners North Bend and Repeat each eighteen days from Willapa harbor and schooner Winifred Wing forty-two days from Port Hadlock.

HAS SHE BEEN LOST?

Former Officer of Overdue Ship Rathdown Tells of Defects in That Vessel's Steering Gear.

It is likely that in a few days the British ship Rathdown, a fine three-masted ship with double topgallant yards, of 2,068 tons, will be posted at Lloyd's as missing. The vessel is now out 34 days from Yokohama, in ballast for Portland, and the wise ones regard her as a goner. About the time the ship sailed from the Japanese port a typhoon was doing much mischief, being lightly laden, was swamped or overturned in the storm and perished with all hands. The price of re-insurance on the Rathdown has been mounting steadily since she was first posted on the overdue list, and the price now is \$5 per cent. Even with this (tempting figure there are few men taking chances on her, even though it is known that the Rathdown was a staunch vessel.

It is said that the ship is said to have a vulnerable spot. Among those now resident in Victoria is a former mate of the long overdue ship. He left her at Yokohama just before she started, and came to this port on the steamer Riojun Maru, which he says was now carrying a cargo of wheat. This officer, who for reasons of his own does not care to allow his name to go into print, said yesterday that when he left her the ship's steering gear was in a wretched condition. He had seen times when three men had to be placed at the wheel, and he had taken wire and made grumblings to hold the screws together. One of the helmsmen said that the ship was in a wretched condition. On the voyage, from New York to Yokohama with a cargo of kerosene, they had expected to have the steering gear carried away in a gale, and the result, they said, was an opinion would have been disastrous. If that defective steering gear had not been fixed, he believes that it was there that the cause of her loss would be. If the vessel encountered a heavy blow, as everyone knows, there have been most terrible gales since she sailed, and the steering gear gave way with the rudder, kicking as it did when he was in the ship, the vessel would probably go over. In that case she would most likely lose her masts and swamp, the hatches would smash in, and the vessel would fill and be lost.

This, of course, is conjecture, although based on better substance than is the usual conjecture in the case of overdue ships. Other overdue vessels on which gamblers are taking chances are the British ship Castle Rock, which is chartered to load a full cargo of wheat at Vancouver. The first of such cargoes ever shipped from the Pacific Coast for England, and the ship Ben Lee. The Castle Rock is coming from Hongkong. She left 61 days ago, and is now expected to be in port, paying 15 per cent, against her chances of reaching port. The Ben Lee is 65 days out from Santa Rosalia for Tacoma, and 35 per cent, is being quoted on her.

RELIC OF THE WRECK.

Piece of the Mainmast of the Wrecked Alpha Brought Back by the D. G. S. Quadra.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra brought back from the Alpha wreck about 40 feet of the mainmast of the wrecked vessel, which is lying at the government wharf. The mast is broken off about 10 feet above the wreck, and plain shows how the terrible gusts have been the force on the winds and waves on that awful night. The lower part is so sawn by the mast swinging backwards and forwards in the fastness of the deck before working itself out that it resembles more a spar chafed on the rocks for weeks than anything else.

The report of Capt. Walbran has been forwarded by the local agent of the marine and fisheries department. The report of the Ottawa who will decide whether an enquiry will be held. Capt. Owens' report regarding the encounter of the Constance with the Alpha some hours before the wreck, which was published at the time in the Colonist, has also been sent.

NOTHING IN IT.

Report That Sealing Schooner Mary Taylor Will Go to Siberian Coast Absurd.

The report published in Yesterday's Times that the sealing schooner Mary Taylor will go to the Siberian coast to investigate a whaling find is absurd. The Mary Taylor is one of the Victoria Sealing Company's fleet, and she has gone to hunt seals, as do the other vessels of the company, and for no other purpose whatever. As matters stand, the whaling expedition, so frequently referred to by the evening paper, has long since gone and returned. It went to Siberia from Cape Nome on the steamer Dutch Harbor, which was headed by Col. Vonnarsky, and not Col. Vonnarsky, as was published in the Colonist some months ago. The present story, which is published in the language of the streets, "a fill," given to the reporter by Capt. Buckholtz, master of the Mary Taylor, whose stories of expeditions for gold in Siberia have been told to those who were willing to listen to them for months past.

HERE FOR REPAIRS.

After a Rough Voyage the Bark Mermaid is Towed into Esquimalt.

Bark Mermaid, formerly a whaling vessel which was partially wrecked and abandoned several years ago and her crew brought to this city from Dutch Harbor, where she was left by the steamer Alpha, arrived from the found last night in tow of the tug Dolphin, which picked her up near Point Wilson after her voyage from Valdes, and brought her over to Esquimalt for repairs. The bark was taken to Port Valdes on September 20th with general freight for the United States military forces on the Copper river, and she had a trying voyage, at one time being rescued from going ashore by the steamer Barka, which labelled her for salvage on that account. She had a tough voyage down, and on arriving off Point Wilson she was picked up by the Dolphin and brought in here for repairs. The Mermaid was owned by Frank A. White, who bought her when she was abandoned at Dutch Harbor.

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NOT ENOUGH STORES.

Steward and Pantrymen of the Lost Steamer Tell of the Empty Cupboard.

The stewards and pantrymen of the wrecked steamer Alpha have written letters to the Vancouver Province saying the steamer had not sufficient stores for the voyage to Japan when she left. The following is a copy of the letter, signed by the steward, John Dixon: "The statements made by myself and Messrs Moon and Howe in yesterday's issue of the Province concerning the insufficiency of the stores in the victualling department of the S. S. Alpha were entirely correct. The late chief steward of the ship, Mr. H. Summers, stated this morning that the Alpha was victualled for the twenty-eight days beginning the 1st of November. When the ship left Victoria on Saturday morning last she had already been drawing from these stores for nineteen days.

FOR THE ORIENT.

Steamer Olympia Sailed on Tuesday—Several Missionaries Return to China.

Steamer Olympia of the N. P. Line, sailed for the Orient on Tuesday morning. She had a large cargo of merchandise for China and Japan and the following saloon passengers: Rev. John Woodberry, Dr. Y. Yong and Miss E. Jones, a trio of missionaries, who, now that the storm has seemingly broken, are drifting back again to China. M. Jeffries of Portland, and D. Martin of New York. There were about a hundred Asiatic passengers, including ten who were deported by the Tacoma authorities.

OVERDUE TILLAMOOK.

Fearful That She Has Been Lost Along the Southeastern Alaskan Coast.

Shipping men are beginning to be alarmed over the continued absence of the steamer Tillamook, which, as reported in these columns, is so long overdue on her voyage from Unalakleet to Jimcan. Captain Gullberg, of the Alaska Steamship company, which operates the vessel, is as much perplexed as anyone. He thinks that she has met with an accident of some kind, though one not necessarily disastrous. He is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Bertine from Copper river, which may have some news of the Tillamook. It is by no means certain that she will have, as the mail steamer may have met disaster beyond Port Valdes. Not until nine days later did she was scheduled to make on this voyage.

MARINE NOTES.

British ship Inch Cape Rock, which has arrived at Astoria from Portland, reports that her master, Capt. Wilson, was missing from her cabin on December 20th, and it is feared that he has jumped overboard.

Capt. Ira Meyer of the steamer Rapid Transit, broke his right leg at Port Townsend quarantine station on Monday.

British bark Queen Margaret, on which speculators were paying 10 per cent reinsurance, arrived at Tacoma on Monday from Hongkong, after a passage of 60 days. She encountered very heavy gales and was a week off the Cape before she could make her entrance. The Queen Margaret left Hongkong two days prior to the Castle Rock, which is bound here and on which 15 per cent reinsurance has been paid.

Unlabeled Umatilla arrived on Tuesday morning from San Francisco. She had a small list of passengers, but 68 in all. She brought up 1,500 tons of freight, about 200 tons of which were landed here. Capt. M. Moeller of the North German Lloyd S. S. company is in Seattle, and in an interview given there he said: "My company is looking over the field with a view of installing a Pacific service, and it is for that reason that we have been purchasing the Laconner Trading and Transportation company for the Seattle-Port Orchard run."

Bark America, which arrived a few days ago from San Francisco, made one of the fastest passages yet made between San Francisco and the Cape. She was four days from Golden Gate to Flattery, with the southern gale sweeping her along. Not until nine days later did she reach port, however, the remainder of the time having been spent in keeping off the Cape.

The British ship Kirkhill, which, after discharging cargo here, took a cargo of wheat to Dunkirk from Tacoma, has been sold to a Barcelona firm for \$43,000. Her name has been changed to Argentine.

Steamer State of California leaves San Francisco for Victoria, replacing the Senator on this route.

Steamer Danube will sail for Skagway tonight.

Until yesterday the pumps were kept busy on the C. D. Lane, the steamer which returned from the Cape disabled and was lying at anchor here.

The Lane was bound for Guayaquil with lumber.

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MARINE NEWS.

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Astoria, Dec. 23, str. Lucania, from Port Los Angeles.
Kahului-Arrived, Dec. 3, str. Mary Dodge, from Tacoma.
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Hilo-Arrived, Dec. 7, str. Courtney, from San Diego.
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Honolulu-Sailed, Dec. 22, str. Grace Dollar, from Honolulu for San Francisco; str. Corvado, from Honolulu for San Francisco. Arrived, Dec. 23, str. San Buenaventura, from San Pedro for Aberdeen; str. A. B. Johnson, from San Francisco for Aberdeen; str. M. Kruger, from San Francisco for Aberdeen.

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FISHERIES.

One of the questions which Mr. Duns-
muir proposes to take up with the Do-
minion government is the right of the
provinces to the fisheries within the
three-mile limit, and to the control of
the fisheries generally. It is now nearly
a year since the Colonist brought up this
subject and suggested that there were
some matters in connection with it,
which the government might properly
consider. For this we were rather
sharply called down by some friends,
and were told that all fishery questions
had been decided once for all by the
judicial committee of the Privy Council.
In this view we declined at the time
to concur, and the action of the Do-
minion government on a claim presented
by the New Brunswick government
shows that we were correct. The pro-
vincial government just named insists
that the Dominion has been exercising
certain powers over the fisheries, which
really are vested in the province, and
the federal authorities have been so
strongly impressed with the force of the
claim that a special case has been agreed
upon to be argued before the courts.
New Brunswick even goes so far as to
claim damages from the Dominion for
the use by the latter of a stream for
breeding purposes, which had been
rented by the province to a fishing club.
The subject is one of very great interest,
and it is worth considering if British
Columbia ought not to be represented
at an argument, which may determine
points in which this province is con-
cerned to a very large degree.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

It would be a mistake to judge of the
international importance of the proposed
Nicaraguan waterway from the articles
in the United States papers. Our neigh-
bors have a patriotic fashion of exagger-
ating everything with which they have
anything to do, an estimable practice, no
doubt, but one which spoils the perspec-
tive in their view of international affairs,
so that things never seem to them to pos-
sess the same relative proportions as they
do to others. We remember how some five
years ago the papers of San Francisco
and elsewhere were crying out for the
annexation of the Hawaiian Islands on
the ground that they were needed to pro-
tect the entrance to the Nicaraguan can-
al. They did not stop to look at the map
and see that San Francisco itself was an
immeasurably better base of defence for
that waterway than Honolulu, which in-
deed would be no basis at all.

Many of the claims made by the pro-
moters of the Isthmian canal are without
the least foundation. They do not take
into account the cost attaching to its use,
which may easily be so high as to render
successful competition with transconti-
nental railways impossible. The useless-
ness of the proposed waterway to sail-
ing ships has been often pointed out. The
London Times, in the subjoined extract,
speaks of this. We recall a statement
made some years ago that sailing ships
using the canal would have to count upon
from 300 to 500 miles of towage at the
Pacific terminus, besides a long distance
at the Atlantic terminus. Doubtless favor-
ing winds would sometimes be encount-
ered, but the absence of any wind at all
would be such a highly possible contin-
gency that every ship owner would have
to take it into account.

We quote from the London Times:
President McKinley has submitted to
Congress without comment the report of
the Isthmian Canal Commission. After
discussing different proposals for pierc-
ing the American continent, the Commis-
sion comes to the conclusion that the
most practicable and feasible route for a
canal under the control, management and
ownership of the United States is the
Nicaraguan route. The Commission es-
timates the cost of a canal of more ambi-
tious design than has hitherto been pro-
posed at \$200,540,000, or a little more
than four hundred million dollars. This is
a large sum compared with the earliest es-
timates, which were fifteen million dollars,
but it is not so large as the sum which
the Nicaraguan Canal Company was pre-
pared to pay to a construction company—

namely, two hundred and fifty million
dollars. If we may judge from the his-
tory of nearly all great engineering un-
dertakings, and especially of those in
which water has to be dealt with on a
very large scale, the actual cost is very
likely to exceed, and perhaps to exceed
largely, the highest of the many esti-
mates made from time to time. The
proffered given to the Nicaraguan over
the Panama route rests chiefly upon non-
technical grounds. It is said that the
French company will not part with its
concession except upon terms that would
make their route nearly as costly as the
other; that it provides for the reversion
of the whole undertaking to the Colum-
bian Government at the end of 99 years;
and generally that the Panama route is
politically less advantageous than that of
Nicaragua. The Commission puts the
length of the projected canal at 180 miles
with a mean depth of 35 feet, a bottom
width of 150 feet, and locks 740 feet long
and 84 feet wide. For about 110 miles
of its length the canal will be shipway
through lake and river, but the actual ex-
cavation, apart from that portion, will
exceed in length the whole distance cov-
ered by the Panama Canal. Ships will
have to be raised 104 feet at one end by
locks, and of course, lowered about the
same distance at the other.

It is a fascinating scheme, and anyone
who cursorily glances at the map of the
world probably wonders why it or some-
thing of the kind has not been carried out
before today. Yet a very eminent Ameri-
can authority on statistics made at the
some convulsion of nature were to open
a channel across the isthmus as wide and
as deep as the Straits of Dover, the
amount of commerce following that route
would not be very considerable. Some
twenty years ago the chief of the Ameri-
can Bureau of Statistics made, at the re-
quest of the American Society of Civil
Engineers, an exhaustive inquiry into
the traffic which such a canal would at-
tract, and after giving it the benefit of
the doubt on doubtful points, he came to
the conclusion that it could not exceed
1,450,000 tons annually. Reviewing that
conclusion in the light of commercial de-
velopments he has been induced to lower
his estimate to one million tons, and he
now considers even that estimate to be
excessively liberal. It would seem, there-
fore, that although modern engineering
is fully capable of grappling with the
problem, whether for forty or fifty mil-
lions or for some larger sum, there are
some doubts as to whether the thing is
commercially worth doing. The Suez
Canal is always quoted in this connec-
tion. It was the supposed analogy of the
Suez Canal that led to the disastrous
Panama scheme in France. As a mat-
ter of fact the analogy is very imperfect.
The Suez Canal lies in one of the great-
est trade routes of the world. The Nia-
ragua Canal has no such advantage. The
Suez Canal joins great trading commu-
nities; the Nicaragua Canal would only
join two great oceans which themselves
produce no trade. The Suez Canal has
no railway rivals; the Nicaragua Canal
would have a dozen transcontinental
lines to compete with; and, as the back-
bone of the American continent lies very
near the Pacific, the trend of trade is
eastward, always eastward at every par-
allel one chooses to take. The Panama
railway carries goods at a cost, including
transshipment at both ends, which is
considerably less than could be charged
on the Nicaragua Canal. Yet it is that
at all were to secure the whole transcon-
tinental trade of Panama, it would not
levy dues on more than 600,000 tons of
shipping. It is sometimes assumed that
British trade with the East would follow
the projected route. But to Calcutta the
voyage would be 9,000 miles longer, the
Nicaragua than by Suez; to Hongkong it
would be 4,000 miles longer; to Yokoha-
ma 800 miles longer; and to Melbourne
1,000 miles longer. Add to this that the
Suez dues are far lower than the Nia-
ragua Canal could by any possibility af-
ford to charge, and that the Suez route
is infinitely better provided with coaling
stations. It will then appear that the
great currents of British trade are little
likely to pass through the Nicaragua
Canal. There is a very considerable
trade with Chile and other States on the
Pacific slope, but it is carried on in sail-
ing vessels, which cannot use the Nia-
ragua Canal because both ends are in the
belt of calms called the Doldrums; and
there are reasons which shippers un-
derstand well enough why transfer to
steam vessels is unlikely. It is rather sad
to think that such a striking correction
of nature may fail to pay its way, but
these objections are serious and have not
yet received the attention they merit.

The attitude which Nicaragua may
take towards any canal builders does
not appear to have entered into the cal-
culations of the Washington government,
and yet this would seem to be a very
important element of any arrangement.
Nicaragua has sovereign rights over
most of the region through which the
proposed waterway is to run, and these
cannot be set aside by the whim of the
majority of the United States Senate.
We are not very familiar with the facts
of the case, but recall something about
the lapsing of the concessions granted by
the Nicaraguan government to the
American promoters of the canal. The
ways of diplomacy are past finding out,
but to the mind of the ordinary layman
there seems to be something grotesque in
an undertaking by one government to
construct a canal through the territory
of another government without the
assent of the latter having been first ob-
tained, and also for the constructing
government to make a bargain with a
third government as to its right to de-
fend the canal when built. The ordi-
nary layman would suppose that the gov-
ernment owning the country would be
consulted in the first place, and that the
government wishing to construct the
canal, having first ascertained just
what the government owning the
country would agree to, would approach
any other government concerned to
ascertain if the agreement was accept-
able to it. This is exactly the course
which has not been taken, and one ques-
tion to be considered is what will happen
if Nicaragua determines to control the
canal, if it is ever built.

Suggestions as to how Victoria can on
short notice mark the beginning of the
new century are now in order. Who
has the best one?

The Vancouver World thinks that Mr.
Dunsmuir's action in giving the E. & N.
employees a day off on Christmas is
"unique," and says it has been most
favorably commented on.

The Manitoba Free Press says that
Sir Wilfrid Laurier occupies a stronger
position in regard to the whole Dominion
than Sir John Macdonald ever did.
Comparisons were ever odious, and a
comparison on what must be purely a
matter of opinion is worse.

The Rossland Miner is mistaken about
the notice in the Gazette for a charter
for a railway from Vancouver to Mid-
way, with a branch to Nicola Lake. The
applicants are not the V. V. & E. people,
but quite a different concern.

The article in last night's Times in
regard to lumbermen and the tariff re-
calls General Hancock's celebrated ex-
pression, "The tariff is a local issue." It
cost the General the presidency of the
United States, but it was a true piece of
political doctrine. What is sound tariff
policy in one part of a vast region like
either half of North America may be
quite otherwise in another part.

The people of Nelson are beginning to
doubt the sufficiency of the water sup-
ply. Thus doth the march of civilization
progress. Take notice that it is the
water supply which is likely to prove
inadequate. A mining centre, that talks
about the scarcity of water, must cease
to be regarded as a camp. It has be-
come a city and is in imminent danger
of being regarded as effete, high-toned,
and things like that.

The Vernon News complains of the
condition of the roads in that part of
the province, and says that the farmers
"are absolutely unable to fill orders
from Kootenay for hay, and a large por-
tion of the wheat crop still remains in
the unwilling hands of the farmers." This
is a serious matter. The provin-
cial government has a very weighty
problem presented by the roads. It is
scarcely secondary to that of railroads,
and many people may be disposed to give
it the first place.

We do not believe that, outside of the
few people directly interested, any one
in Victoria desires to see gambling per-
mitted. There is no more hollow pre-
tence, from a financial point of view,
than that which claims open gambling
to be a good thing for a community. It
would be a simple matter to demon-
strate, if there was the least necessity
for it, that gambling and what are
called "wide open" policies in cities are
economically the gravest errors. Just
one thing may be mentioned. The ex-
penditure of money in such things dur-
ing good times prevents the accumula-
tion of small savings by the people, and
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nity to pass through critical periods
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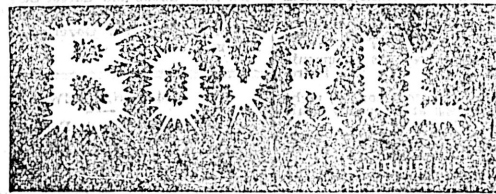
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5 Dolls' Furniture Sets, were.....	\$ 2 00	To-day	50
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7 Large Trains, were.....	1 50	To-day	25
5 Boxes Rubber Toys, were.....	4 50	To-day	25
1 Dolls' Buggy, was.....	6 75	To-day	3 50
1 Dolls' Buggy, was.....	5 00	To-day	2 50
1 Dolls' Buggy, was.....	4 75	To-day	2 25

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14 House Jackets, were.....	\$ 7 50	Friday	\$ 3 90
5 Gowns, were.....	8 75	To-day	5 75
3 Silk Jackets, were.....	4 50	To-day	3 00
55 Men's Colored Silk Mufflers, with quilted silk lin- ing, were.....	\$1 25 and	Friday	75
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VICTORIA TIDES.

By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
0 10 a.m.	3.2 feet.	1:00 p.m.	4.2 feet.
7:20 a.m.	8.4 feet	7:50 p.m.	8.1 feet.
1 30 p.m.	7.0 feet.	2 30 p.m.	5.9 feet.
7:05 p.m.	8.0 feet	8 4 p.m.	7.8 feet.

LOCAL NEWS.

Air-Tight Heaters at Cheapside.
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Drink "Hondt," purest and best of Ceylon teas.
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We've got a good line of them at very reasonable prices.
Open day and night.
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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Try The Colonist "Want Column," 1 cent, 1 word, 1 issue.

Ladies can lunch at The Cafe for 25c., or have afternoon tea and cake for 15c.
In buying tea you want something without a suspicion of adulteration. You get it in Hondt Ceylon Tea, which reaches this market direct from the tea gardens.

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YOU Will not be disappointed if you buy your Xmas Goods at Fawcett's. We carry a full and varied line of Perfumes, Atomizers, Ebony Goods and Purses, at the Lowest Prices obtainable.
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Our friend, "An Old Customer," alias "Mrs. Williams," may be assured that some time ago we signified our intention of discontinuing

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AT THE END OF THIS CENTURY.

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GOODS ALWAYS FRESH. VALUE THE BEST.

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Ebony Sets, Travelling Cases, Best French and American Perfumes. HALL & CO., Dispensary Chemists, Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

Police Photographed.—The members of the city police force were photographed grouped in front of the barracks yesterday afternoon, by Mr. J. Savannat.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late Capt. John Steele, who died last Sunday in Vancouver, took place yesterday morning from the family residence, No. 2 Market street, at 9:30 a.m., and the Roman Catholic cathedral at 10 o'clock. Rev. Father Latour celebrated requiem high mass, and Rev. Father Althoff conducted the funeral services at the grave. A number of beautiful wreaths were given, and a great many people were present. The pall-bearers were the following fellow-captains of the deceased: L. P. Lock, D. Martin, L. McLean, P. Lawrence and E. LeBlanc.

For good groceries and liquor for family use, call at Blue Post, 114 and 116 Johnson street. J. M. Hughes.

LOST OR FOUND one cent per word, each insertion—The Daily Colonist.

Old fashioned English Xmas dinner provided at The Cafe.

Campaign Results.—If you wagered a hat on the result of the recent political contest, come or send the winner where he can get the largest assortment, the newest styles and the best values. He will get a comfortable, becoming hat if you direct him to George R. Jackson, 57 Government street.

Before ordering your Xmas dinner call at Brown & Cooper's, 59 Johnson street, and see their fine lot of Smith Falls Poultry, which will arrive Friday night. Also fine lot of island birds. Telephone 623.

Wine, liquor, champagne, claret, beer, whiskey and water glasses, decanters, claret jugs, beer jugs and water pitchers, trays and other goods suitable for New Year's, cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.



The Coming Century

In extending the greeting of the season to our many friends and patrons, we take the opportunity to heartily thank them for their liberality during the year just passing; and in token of our appreciation, we have determined to make OUR GREETING this year not the mere expressions of good-will and wishes, but take the form of SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS. We are, in fact, to hold a SWEEPING CLEARING SALE for the remaining days of the year, for the special benefit of our patrons and friends, to whom we extend a hearty invitation, and promise many surprises!

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Century.

With many thanks for your liberal patronage during the past quarter of a century.

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A Merry
Christmas
To You

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To-morrow we'll make a sweeping clearance of all our Ladies' Wrappers. We leave the prices to tell the bargain part of the story.

Ladies' eiderdown Flannel Wrappers; heavy quality, fitted linings, filled seams, in a pretty variety of dainty shades.

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Ties, all colors,

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Suits

Boys' 3-piece Navy Serge Suits, heavily lined throughout, will finished, sizes 22 to 26; regular \$2.60— Sizes 27 to 30; regular

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Friday

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A special lot of new black Dress Goods will command special attention to-morrow at nearly half price.

Fancy Black Dress Goods Regular 50c. a yard—FRIDAY.....35c.

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42 Pairs Good Serviceable Grey Wool Blankets, regular price \$2—FRIDAY.....\$1.55

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110 Fine Chenille Table Covers, 1 yard square, heavily fringed, splendid patterns, extra value at 75c each.....50c

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Fine Neckwear, 25c up

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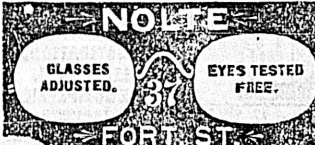
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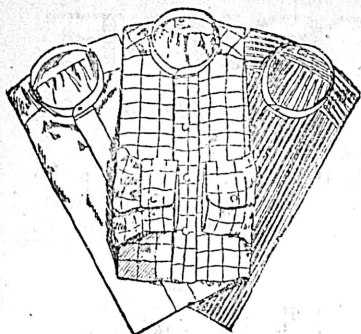
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As a matter of convenience to our customers, we have decided to make a uniform rate of 10c per pound on all Feathers coming in to be cleaned after January 1, 1901. SANITARY STEAM FEATHER RENOVATOR, Cor. Fort and Blanchard Sts.



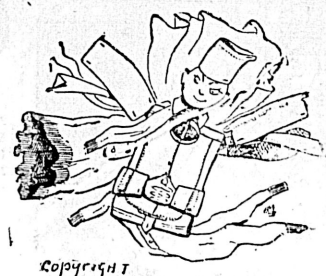
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Local News.

German Dance.—The German ladies of the city held their first dance at A. O. U. W. hall last night. There were about 30 couples present and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Herburger and Miss Willie were the committee in charge of the entertainment.

Funeral Services.—The funeral of the late Esther Manton took place yesterday afternoon from the residence, Corner Commercial street. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. C. H. Bowes, Jas. Keys, Ralph Fagshaw and Joseph Brice.

Pleasant Evening.—The pupils of Knox Presbyterian church and their friends spent a very pleasant evening last night. Tea was served from 5:30 to 6:30, and afterwards a very interesting programme of songs and recitations was given by the children. Mr. J. C. Brown also contributed a song in his best style. Rev. Mr. Fraser presided.

Children's Entertainment.—The Spring Ridge Sunday school party last evening was a great success. The church was very prettily decorated, and on the platform there was a splendid Christmas tree loaded with presents for the children. A large number of people were present and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed. A splendid choir of gentlemen, boys and girls sang a number of carols to the accompaniment of a very good orchestra. A small boy gave an amusing recitation, and the Rev. E. S. Rowe baptized several babies.

Assault-at-Arms.—To those who delight to witness a demonstration of the manly art of self-defence and the experience of the men who wield the sword, the military tournament and assault-at-arms to be held in the Philharmonic hall tonight and tomorrow night will be productive of much instruction as well as entertainment. The programme is a lengthy one comprising a variety of events, including boxing, boats with single-sticks, broadsword, bayonets, foils Italian sabre, quarter staff, and club and tomahawk swinging.

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The cough that hurts, the cough that gets tight in the chest, is daily getting deeper and deeper into the bronchial tubes and is making directly for the lungs, to become pneumonia, inflammation of the lungs, or consumption. Such coughs yield only to the wonderful efficiency of Chase's Syrup of Anise and Turpentine, which loosens the tightness and cures cough and cold together, 25 cent a bottle. Family size 50 cents. Sold everywhere.

BURNETT-LENNIE.
Marriage at Westminster of the Organist of St. Andrew's.

At the residence of the bride's parents Fourth avenue, on Wednesday evening, says the Westminster Columbian of Saturday last, Miss Rosa B. J. Lennie, second daughter of the Rev. R. Lennie, was united in marriage to Mr. Geo. J. Burnett, second son of Mr. Geo. T. Burnett, of this city. The ceremony was conducted by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. T. Scouler and the Rev. I. G. Matthews. The bride was most becomingly attired in white organdie, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and chiffon. A bridal veil of Mechlin lace, fastened by white carnations in the form of a crown, adorned her head. Her traveling costume was of blue ladies' cloth, trimmed with white satin, and hat of black velvet, with black tulle and white feathers; train gloves completed her attire. The bridesmaids were the Messrs. Eva and Clara Lennie, sisters of the bride, who wore very becomingly gowned in white and yellow organdie, wearing bouquets of white chrysanthemums and carnations, as well as pretty opal rings, the gift of the groom. Mr. A. G. Macfarlane filled the position of groomsmen in his usual suave and easy manner. Miss Vass presided at the piano before the ceremony, playing Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and other appropriate music thereafter. After the supper a programme was improvised, including speeches by most of the gentlemen present, and the last song composed by the bridegroom, entitled "Abide With Me" was sung by the bride in her usual effective manner accompanied by the bridegroom on the piano. This was their response to the many expressions of high esteem and regard by the various speakers and friends. The bridegroom's "best man," Mr. A. G. Macfarlane, playfully twitted the bridegroom with carrying away to Victoria one of New Westminster's greatest favorites. In addition to members of the family, there were present: Dr. and Mrs. Boggs, Rev. and Mrs. Scouler, Mrs. McEwen, Rev. I. G. Matthews, Mrs. and Miss Vass, Miss Burnett, Mr. George T. Burnett and Miss Anna Burnett. The bride was the recipient of a beautiful clock from the choir of Mt. Forest, Ont., Presbyterian church choir, of which she had been a member.

PERSONALS
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PERSONALS
Mr. G. A. Kiefer, for many years of this city, but lately of New Westminster, where he holds the position of Dominion government engineer, spent the holiday season in the city, returning last night to the Mainland.

Miss Dunsen, of Victoria, is staying in town with Mrs. Peters, wife of Col. Peters. —Toronto Globe.

Charles Wurtelo, local agent of the Great Northern railway, returned from the South last evening.

Thomas Deasy, chief of the fire department, is back from a visit to California, where he went in search of health.

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DRANK HIMSELF TO DEATH.
James Williams Drinks Rum Until He Paralyzes His Organs.

On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock James Williams, an old-timer living out Esquimalt way, knocked off work, and in due time got about the celebration of Christmas Eve. He took rum, and took it at the Victoria Gardens in such wholesale quantities that shortly after reaching home, a couple of hours later, he succumbed.

At the coroner's inquest, which was held at 3 p.m. yesterday by Dr. Hart at the Naval hospital, several witnesses were heard, among them being the proprietor of the hotel in question. From their story it appeared that the old man undertook to drink rum in a beer glass, and had emptied no less than six of these measures before starting for home. So great a quantity taken in so short a time failed to produce the usual effect of drunkenness, but, missing that stage, led straight to the immediate failure of the heart and other organs to fulfill their functions, and death, as the coroner's jury put it, resulted from alcoholic poisoning.

The deceased was a native of Cheltenham, Eng., about 60 years of age, and for many years has resided on Admiral's road, near the Naval hospital. At the time of his death he held the position of road boss, and was well known throughout the district. He leaves a wife and a large family, for whom a great deal of sympathy is expressed.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence.

To-Night Assault-at-Arms Philharmonic Hall.

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By steamer Utopia from the Sound:
W. Moleman, Miss Stevenson, W. Baker, J. Thorburn, E. D. Ward, A. B. Elymer, C. E. Robinson, J. McKasken, M. Nibb, J. L. Parson, H. O. Larson, A. Steel, O. Gregert, H. Stokmal, O. Johnson, J. Hoff, A. Alto, T. Mullen, Mrs. Alto, Miss Gray, H. Johnson, Ben Ceresa.
By steamer Umatilla from San Francisco:
Franklin P. Bull, T. Lubbe, S. C. Dickinson, R. W. Dunsen, C. A. Greig, H. Dawson, Mrs. Greig.

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R. Baker & Co., D. L. Parker, W. E. Vandoren, Wm. Bannas, W. T. Heidle.
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See Italian Fencing Philharmonic Hall To-Night.

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Full Flavored
TUCKETT'S
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Turkeys, Geese, Plum Puddings.
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Ladies' kid and patent leather Slippers, very handsome. Prices from \$1.15 to \$3.00 pair.
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For HIM Every man enjoys the comfort there is in a Slipper. You are likely thinking of a Christmas gift for a husband, a son, a father, a brother or someone else's brother. We have all the late ideas—handsome Slippers in seal, kid and calf at \$1.00 to \$2.50 pair. We certainly have the Slippers that will please Him. Come to the Slipper Store for Christmas Slippers.

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Annual Display of Choice Meats for Christmas.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MR. HUGHES EXPLAINS.

Sir,—As I am receiving so many enquiries re the charge of gambling against the Mayor, I beg to ask you to kindly allow me to say through your columns that I am not requiring funds at present, as the prosecution of the case will be carried out by the city authorities, before whom I have laid sworn information. It will gratify the ratepayers to know that the chief magistrate, the Mayor, has assured me he is personally anxious to see the law carried out in this respect, but as I did not specify sufficiently in my first offer of evidence, he, with the other police commissioners, did not consider it strong enough for a successful case. I have now removed this difficulty, and the law will take its course.

The closing down of the gambling rooms in itself is sufficient evidence that the law has been violated. If the offenders are punished, it will at once remove the unrest that has been generated by these pest houses for some time past.

I also wish to say that this movement is not a fanatical one, in order to get a little cheap notoriety, as has been suggested, but rather the result of a careful debate in the Municipal Association, when an unanimous resolution was passed authorizing the information to be sworn, and the Bishop of Columbia was present on this occasion and heartily concurred. Many influential and influential citizens have also expressed their approval in most qualified manner, and I am daily in receipt of further evidence of the favor with which the general public regard this movement.

I feel that such facts as these will strengthen the hands of those upon whom we rely to carry out the law, and I also appear to the gambler himself that it is not necessarily a preacher of a fool, who looks upon the practice of seeking gain by others' loss as most detrimental to the well being of the community.

ROBERT HUGHES.

Meetings and Amusements.

Arrangements have been completed for a Christmas dance to be held at the Drill Hall to-morrow night. The annual ball having proven an enjoyable affair, many of those present on that occasion will probably again enjoy the hospitality of the dance, and dancers of the Fifth. Tickets may be purchased at the Drill Hall from Mr. Major Mulcahy, and also from Mr. H. Johnson, city market, and from members of the committee. The committee in charge of this dance as well as the regular annual ball are: President, Sergeant Major Mulcahy; treasurer, Sergeant H. N. Short; secretary, R. H. Johnson; committee, Quartermaster Sergeant Windy, W. G. Harris, H. Crane, R. Hayward, C. Harris, R. Harris, W. Plotted, C. G. Maclean, R. Harrison, H. Garter, H. Ware, E. C. Raleigh, J. Candler, R. M. Bradley, R. Lindsay, H. J. Stevenson, P. Austin, W. Spurrier, A. S. Burgess, B. H. Anderson, S. Porter, Geo. R. Finn and C. Carroll.

The Metropolitan church Sunday school will hold their Christmas tree entertainment this evening at 8 o'clock. A good programme has been prepared, and presents and prizes will be distributed. A committee will be in the school from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. to receive gifts from parents or friends, who may wish to have them placed on the tree. A cordial invitation is extended to all. A collection will be taken at the door.

The Sabbath school of St. Paul's church will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the hall, on Friday evening.

Mr. Daniel Frawley and his company will be seen here in "Madame San Gene" and "Secret Service," on Monday and Tuesday evenings. "Madame San Gene" is well known to our theatre-goers, and "Secret Service" is the famous romance of the production by William Gillette. The role in which the author formerly appeared—that of Capt. Thorne—in the present production is assumed by Mr. Frawley, who is said to have duplicated Gillette's triumph in the part. It is a peculiar role, requiring cool, unimpassioned, yet forceful, treatment, and Mr. Frawley's talents seem to be perfectly adapted to its special need. A complete scenic equipment is carried for each play to be presented, and in every other respect the pieces are produced with careful attention to the minutest detail. On the present tour, Mr. Frawley has the largest and best company he has ever had under his direction. The organization numbers thirty people, and some of them are among the foremost members of the dramatic profession.

The annual entertainment and treat in connection with St. Barnabas' church will be held to-night in the Old Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge. Everybody is extended a hearty welcome. Tea will be served at 8 p.m., and the entertainment and arrival of St. Barnabas ship will commence at 8 p.m.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 26.—8 p.m.

Yesterday's depression has passed to the northeast and pressure has been rising steadily since midnight, and now a vast high barometer area, centered over the mountain ranges, covers the western portion of this continent. There has been little precipitation; light rain has fallen on the Coast and Straits, and light snow in Alberta and Manitoba. The weather over the entire region has been generally fair, and temperatures reasonable.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	44
New Westminster	40	44
Kamloops	32	40
Barkerville	20	28
Calgary	24	30
Winnipeg	18	20
Portland, Ore.	42	48
San Francisco	41	48

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Thursday:
Victoria and vicinity: Moderate of fresh winds, mostly northerly or easterly; chiefly cloudy and somewhat cooler. Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds from north or east; chiefly cloudy and colder, with probably light frost at night.

VICTORIA DAILY REPORT.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 a.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m. on and 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 25.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	43	Mean
Noon	43	Highest
5 p.m.	45	Lowest

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	8 miles northw.
Noon	20 miles northw.
5 p.m.	12 miles south.

Average state of weather—Showery.

Rain—22 in.

Sunshine—36 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.874

Corrected.....29.898

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.90

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	44	Mean
Noon	46	Highest
5 p.m.	44	Lowest

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	8 miles north.
Noon	8 miles north.
5 p.m.	12 miles north.

Average state of weather—Unsettled.

Rain—18 in.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.248

Corrected.....30.272

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....30.34

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 10 to 25.

The week opened with a continuance of the southeast gale prevailing at the close of the previous week. The weather was generally cloudy, with a few showers of rain. The Washington coast, the pressure increased for a brief period, but fell again very rapidly in advance of another storm, which developed off Vancouver Island, causing strong southeast winds, with gusts of 50 miles hourly velocity. The barometer remained low on Thursday, and on Friday the Pacific Slope; the storm area also crossed the Rocky mountains and traversed the Territories and Manitoba, the pressure at Swift Current falling to the abnormally low point of 28.94 inches, with an hourly wind velocity of 32 miles. On Friday the barometer rose again on this coast, and by Saturday a slight depression appeared off Vancouver Island, which, however, passed to the north and centred in Cariboo, a high barometer covering the Northwest and causing fair and cold weather there. On Monday night a fresh disturbance appeared on the Washington coast, causing unsettled and rainy weather during the whole of Tuesday. The week altogether has been unsettled, and in some respects unseasonable, but the rain has not been excessive, and moderate temperatures have been general.

Victoria reports 7 hours and 30 minutes bright sunshine registered 2 days being completely clouded. The highest temperature was 53, on the 20th; the lowest 30.1, on the 22nd; and the rainfall was 1.21 inches.

New Westminster reports rain 2.35 inches; highest temperature 52, on the 19th; lowest 34, on the 22nd, and light frost. Known reports rain 0.4 inch; highest temperature 48, on the 19th and 20th; lowest 24, on the 24th.

A WORD TO WOMEN.

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had gone home to spend the day, but when a great parcel of catchalls came across to the barracks, those left behind enjoyed that sad-glad feeling of mixed emotion in the thought that they were not forgotten. The catchalls were very handsomely made of red and khaki, the bottom pocket of each containing a copy of the marked edition of the New Testament. In the other compartments were the usual housewife articles, with which the soldier boys are so usually expert. As is generally the custom in Victoria, the homeless ones whose life is spent in lodgings and hotels, were not forgotten, and at numberless tables an extra place brought the wanderers of the west once more in touch with their bright memories of old Christmas joys. On no other day in the year perhaps, is this little act of hospitality so highly appreciated, and the recipients of it peeping, thus in at the sacred joys of home and family, wonder in amazement at the contrast of their day's pleasure with what it might have been. In spite of many efforts, however, such bounty cannot go all the way around, and so large numbers kept the season's feast over the dead ashes of the past. Hotels grew desolate, the streets were dismal, many a cunningly devised intention of spending the day over a ride or run out of town, fell down mid pelted rain, and so as night grew on the warmth and comfort of the wine of the country added not a little variety to the celebrations of the day. The night, however, was an exceptionally quiet one, little disorder prevailing and the police having nothing to break up the monotony of the thought, "I wish I were home."

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